




Wisconsin's Vision

- Community Partnerships to Ensure that Wisconsin Children Grow up Safe, Healthy and Successful in Strong Families. **DOING WHAT IT TAKES FOR OUR CHILDREN - TOGETHER.**



Wisconsin is committed to integrating its child welfare and W-2 systems so:

- ✓ children are assured greater safety in nurturing, stable homes, and
- ✓ low-income parents are able to achieve greater economic self-sufficiency through sustainable jobs and access to benefits for which they are eligible.



Mission Statement

- Wisconsin seeks to improve the outcomes of our most vulnerable families by pursuing a more integrated, family-responsive and flexible approach to service delivery that is efficient and cost-effective.



Wisconsin's goals

- Increase families' economic security
- Improve child safety and well-being
- Close the academic achievement gaps
- Empower families to take charge
- Establish a sustainable process for continuing system improvement



Wisconsin's Outcomes

Goal: Increase families' economic security

- Increased job placement
- Increased wages at placement
- Improved job retention and advancement
- Assured receipt of benefits for which eligible (e.g., food stamps, EITC, medical assistance, child care, free and reduced-price meals)
- Increased housing stability



Wisconsin's Outcomes

Goal: Improve child safety and well-being

- Reduced incidence of child abuse and neglect
- Reduced out-of-home placements
- Increased stability in children's living situations
- Improved access to mental, physical and dental health
- Assured timely child protective services



Wisconsin's Outcomes

Goal: Close the academic achievement gaps

- Assured proficiency in reading and math in 4th and 8th grade

- Increased graduation rates
- Increased access to quality early care and education



Wisconsin's Outcomes


Goal: Empower families to take charge

- Families are at the center of the planning
- All plans are written in families' own words
- Families are pleased that plans reflect their priorities, strengths and needs
- Every plan reflects systematic efforts to develop and rely on family and informal community supports

Wisconsin's Outcomes

Goal: Establish a sustainable process for continuing system improvement

- Lessons from local projects will be shared to stimulate improvements in system policies and practices
- Broader engagement of consumers and communities will inform and guide improvement in service systems
- Service delivery systems for child safety, economic security and education will work together so plans with families make sense
- Resources from families and their informal supports will be increasingly valued and included in all plans



By improving systems coordination, intergovernmental coordination, public/private partnerships, we envision a service delivery approach that provides strategies such as:

- proper assessment and referrals to services and benefits
- comprehensive case coordination
- quick movement into the labor system
- identification of and attention to barriers
- family involvement in education and early childhood programming
- connecting services
- total community involvement
- effective job placement & retention



Next Steps

- Review Call for Information requests
- Select pilot project sites
- Develop and deploy strategy for community involvement and ownership